

# THE LAUNCH AND DISCUSSION OF “THE STATE OF SOUTHEAST ASIA 2021 SURVEY REPORT”

**Date: 10 February 2021 (Wednesday)**

**Time: 9.00 am to 11.00 am (Singapore time)**



## PROGRAMME

9.00 am – 9.10 am	<p><b>Welcome Remarks and Launch of the State of Southeast Asia: 2021 Survey Report</b></p> <p>Mr Choi Shing Kwok Director, ISEAS - Yusof Ishak Institute</p>
9.10 am – 9.20 am	<p><b>Introduction of The State of Southeast Asia 2021 Survey</b></p> <p>Ms Sharon Seah Coordinator, ASEAN Studies Centre</p>
9.20 am - 10.30 am	<p><b>Discussion on the Survey Findings</b></p> <p>Moderator: Mr Choi Shing Kwok Director, ISEAS - Yusof Ishak Institute</p> <p>Panellists: Professor Dewi Fortuna Anwar Co-Founder of Foreign Policy Community of Indonesia (FPCI)</p> <p>Professor Joseph Chinyong Liow Dean of College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore</p> <p>Mr Walter Lohman Director of the Heritage Foundation’s Asian Studies Center</p> <p>Dr Chen Ding Ding Professor of International Relations, Jinan University, China</p>
10.30 am -11.00am	<p><b>Q&amp;A Discussion</b></p>
11.00 am	<p><b>End of Programme</b></p>

## SPEAKERS



Mr Choi Shing Kwok is Director of ISEAS - Yusof Ishak Institute and Head of the ASEAN Studies Centre at the Institute. Previously, he was Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources from 2012 to 2017, and Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Transport from 2005 to 2012. Prior to that, he was Director, Security and Intelligence Division, Ministry of Defence. Mr Choi was awarded the Public Administration Medal (Silver) (Military) in 1993 and the Meritorious Service Medal in 2000 for his contributions to the Singapore Public Service.



Dr Dewi Fortuna Anwar is a Research Professor at the Center for Political Studies, Indonesian Institute of Sciences (P2P-LIPI), and Co-Founder of Foreign Policy Community of Indonesia (FPCI) based in Jakarta. Professor Anwar served as a Deputy Secretary to the Vice President of the Republic of Indonesia (2010-2017), and was Chairperson of the Institute for Democracy and Human Rights-THC (2010-2018). Prior to that, she was Deputy Chairman for Social Sciences and Humanities-LIPI (2001-2010) and served as Assistant Minister of State Secretariat for Foreign Affairs (1998-1999) during the Habibie Presidency. Professor Anwar has written widely on Indonesia’s democratisation, foreign policy, as well as on ASEAN regional political and security issues.



Professor Joseph Chinyong Liow is Dean of College of Humanities, Arts, and Social Sciences, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, where he is also Tan Kah Kee Chair in Comparative and International Politics, and Research Advisor and former Dean at the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies. He held the inaugural Lee Kuan Yew Chair in Southeast Asia Studies at the Brookings Institution, Washington D.C., where he was also a Senior Fellow in the Foreign Policy Program. Prof Liow’s research interests encompass Muslim politics and social movements in Southeast Asia and the geopolitics and geoeconomics of the Asia-Pacific region. He has authored and co-authored numerous publications and is a frequent media commentator on international affairs.



Mr Walter Lohman is Director of The Heritage Foundation’s Asian Studies Center, the think tank’s oldest research center. Established in 1983, the Asian Studies Center is home to research fellows and scholars who develop recommendations to further American interests in freedom and security in the Indo-Pacific region. Since 2013, he has also served as an adjunct professor at Georgetown University, where he has led graduate seminars on American foreign policy interests in Southeast Asia and the role of Congress in Asia policy. Mr Lohman previously served for four years as Senior Vice President and Executive Director of the U.S.-ASEAN Business Council.



Dr Chen Dingding is Professor of International Relations, Associate Dean of the Institute for 21st-Century Silk Road Studies at Jinan University, non-resident fellow at the Global Public Policy Institute (GPPi) in Berlin, and former Vice President of the International Studies Association (Asia Pacific region). He is also the founder of the Intellisia Institute, an independent think tank focusing on international affairs in China. His research interests include China’s foreign policy, security in Asian, Chinese politics, and human rights. Prof Chen has published extensively in peer-reviewed journals and international presses, and is the co-editor of a book on international engagement with human rights in China.